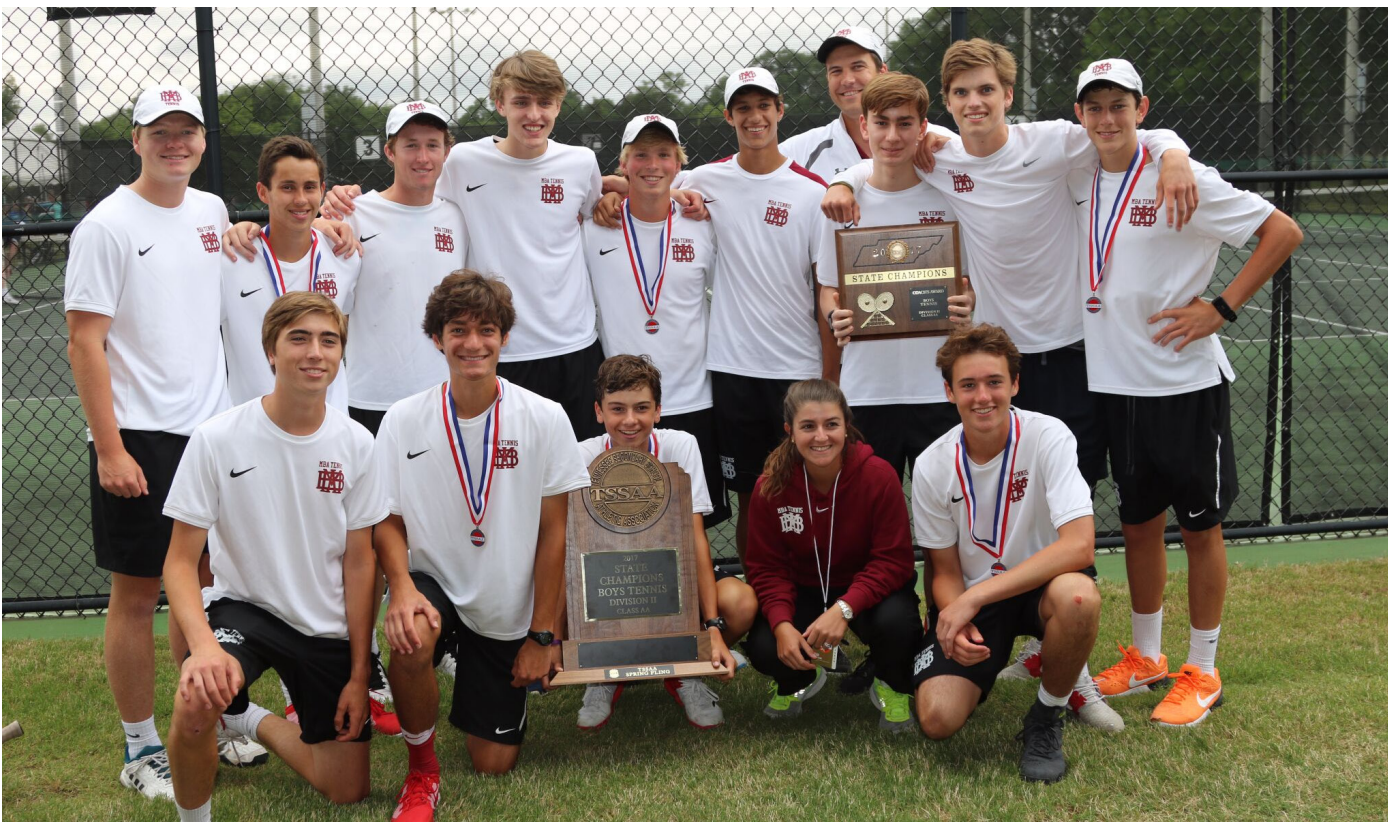


## Tennis Takes the Title: Big Red Shocks the State



**Coach Davidson:** *“For most members of this year’s tennis team, winning a state championship was not just the end of a great season, but was the end of a journey that has lasted years.”*

**By Jack Smartt**  
Assistant Sports Editor

After a challenging season in which they faced many adversities, the Big Red tennis team have become State Champions. The team narrowly lost to MUS last year in the semifinals of the tournament and came back this season ready to win it all.

The Big Red started off the postseason with an easy win over Ensworth in the quarterfinals where they won every match. This was their fifth sweep of the season, displaying how dominant this team has been. Then, in the semifinals, MBA got their rematch against MUS. The Big Red were unfazed by the pressure, and easily

beat the Owls, avenging their loss from the previous year in the exact same situation. George Harwell and Matthew Bulow dominated in singles while Hugh Graham closed out the match with a 6-0, 7-5 win. MBA had already clinched the doubles point and they moved on to the State Championship.

The Big Red played Baylor in the Division II-AA Championship after losing to the Red Raiders in a tight regular season matchup. As Frist Allen put it, “It was a day we had talked about as a team since we lost to MUS last year in the semifinals.” The double pairs of George Harwell and John Spurgeon were able to win their match 8-3 at #1 doubles. Richard Cummins and Matthew Bulow took the win at

#3 doubles to clinch the doubles victory with a commanding 8-4 victory. The doubles point ended up being important as it served as the tiebreaker if the singles are split 3-3. George Harwell dominated winning 6-2, 6-0 at #1 singles. Richard Cummins then went on to play an incredible match and win 6-1, 6-2 at #5 singles. Hugh Graham continued the Big Red success clinching the State Championship with a 7-6, 5-7, 6-2 victory at #4 singles. After the match, George Harwell praised the effort of the team saying, “We played our hearts out and wanted it more than Baylor did. The doubles point was huge and Richard and Hugh played like champions.”

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## Everyday is Jersey Day: Preds Overrun The Hill

**By Palmer Thombs**  
Associate Editor

During homecoming spirit week, a common theme is “Jersey Day.” But why are students all across campus wearing jerseys in April and into May? These gold “sweaters” don’t fit anywhere in the MBA dress code. Everyday is jersey day as the Nashville Predators advance further and further into the 2017 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

Some of Montgomery Bell Academy’s biggest hockey fans are coming to the surface in the dwindling weeks of the school year as the Predators have advanced to the Western Conference Finals for the first time in franchise history. On game days, Preds fans all across town, even on MBA’s campus, support their team by wearing navy and gold. The trend started on The Hill with a few seniors wearing their jerseys on the day of Nashville’s opening playoff game against the Chicago Blackhawks.

Among those first few jersey wearers was senior Mac Lassing. “There’s nothing like playoff hockey,” Lassing said. “If you’ve ever been to a playoff game in Smashville, you know what the atmosphere is like, and it’s likely your ears were ringing when you left. The jerseys to school is just a method to rep the Smashville pride and get our minds right for gameday.”

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# France Votes Against Populist Movement

By Isaac Wills  
Entertainment Editor

The French presidential race came to a close on May 7, 2017, when Emmanuel Macron won the office in a landslide victory. With approximately 75% of France's able citizens turning out to vote, Macron captured 66% of votes to Marine Le Pen's 34%.

So, why does the outcome of the French election matter to an MBA student? Simply put, France's decision to vote Macron into office is a clear message to the world that France will not follow suit with the recent populist movements observed in the United States and Great Britain.

At 39 years old, Emmanuel Macron is the youngest president in French history. His rise to the office has come as a "sigh of relief" for France's allies who have warily observed the rise of Donald Trump to the presidency of the United States and Britain's "Brexit" decision.

In his victory speech, Macron said, "I know the divisions in our nation, which led some to vote for extremist parties. I respect them. I will work to recreate the link between Europe and its peoples, between Europe and citizens." It appears that his unification-minded message resonated with French voters more than the rhetoric of Le Pen.

In order to understand the main differences between Macron and Le Pen, The Bell Ringer interviewed French exchange student Pierre Amourous. For transparency's sake, Pierre was an avid supporter

of François Fillon, who lost in the primary. Subsequently, he came to support Le Pen in the final election.

He shared, "The main differences [between the two candidates] are about economics, Europe, and geopolitics. Le Pen wants to leave the EU and return to our own currency (le franc), and Macron wants to build a strong EU. He wants keep the euro as our currency. Le Pen is a large proponent for protectionism, and Macron is not."

In terms of geopolitics, Pierre added, "Le Pen wants a coalition with Russia and the United States, but it would not be amenable. Macron wants to support NATO and the EU. He wants to punish Russia."

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**Pierre's insight provides a lens by which we can compare our own election in the US to that of France.**

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Pierre's insight provides a lens by which we can compare our own election here in the United States to that of France. Le Pen has often been dubbed France's version of Donald Trump. The leader of the National Front, Le Pen, although more reserved on this issue than Trump, pushed for increased relations with Russia.

Another point of comparison lies



**EXCHANGE OF IDEAS:** French Exchange student Pierre Amourous holds up a souvenir from his time in the states. Pierre was interviewed by The Bell Ringer on his home country's election.

in voting demographics. Similarly to Clinton, Macron garnered a large percent of his votes from France's urban centers, the difference being, however, that he did more to acquire generalized support nationwide.

Certain analysts point to Le Pen's narrow base and inability to sway middling voters to support the Nationalist Front as the cause of her downfall. Not to be discouraged, Pierre noted, "My friends and I, who support The National Front, will continue to do so. We do think that we need a different candidate for the National Front in 2022."

Media likewise held an integral role in the French election. Painting a tableau of the two candidates as polar opposites, the media played to Macron's advantage. Pierre said, "The media were the biggest support for Macron during the election. For people who did not know a lot about Macron or Le Pen, they voted for Macron because they would read or watch media that gave off the impression that Le Pen was the devil and Macron was the savior for France."

From an American

perspective, media most certainly influenced our presidential race, although not always in the most apparent ways. With Donald Trump, he was able to deflect the negative press he was receiving simply because it was getting him attention. Statistically, Trump spoke before the press in a much greater volume than Clinton.

While the outcome of the election did not necessarily correspond with that of the United States, this French election cycle did represent a significant change in the French political landscape. Pierre shared, "This election was historically significant. The two major parties, republicans and socialists, lost in the first round. It was the first time in French history. Also, the National Front had a historic turnout of 11 million voters. Furthermore, Macron won with a new party created one year ago."

French analysts have noted that this most recent campaign season was more hostile than its historical counterparts, a corresponding development to the most recent American election.

While Macron and Le Pen are certainly not carbon-copies of Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump respectively, it is fascinating to observe the common threads between them. Moreover, France's decision to put Macron in office speaks boldly. France is standing firm against the recent populist tide.

**MORE THAN JUST CANDIDATES:** Macron (left) and Le Pen (right) represent more than just politicians as a vote for either candidate is a vote for France's future





# IKEA Nashville: Much More than a Store

By Jack Capizzi  
Editor-in-Chief

A little over a week ago, Lars Petersson, IKEA's U.S. President, revealed that an IKEA will be landing in Nashville in the near future.

In recent year's Nashville's expansion has been rapid and, to an extent, overwhelming. An increase in the number of people moving to Nashville, coupled with building sites that have been popping up around the city, turning it into a giant whack-a-mole board of cranes and scaffolding, has turned Nashville into a city of development. From massive downtown highrises to apartment complexes on Twelfth Avenue and Charlotte Avenue, much of the construction has been in the heart of Davidson County. IKEA, however, looks to change that trend.

The Swedish-based home goods store will be located off of Interstate 24 in Antioch. This location will provide ample space for the massive complex to be built and will also stimulate increased development in

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the area.

While Nashville has seen such rapid growth, a growing problem has occurred as a result. The pseudo-gentrification that comes with any city's expansion has been prevalent in areas such as the aforementioned Charlotte Avenue and Twelfth Avenue locations. Increased prices on land have forced many people who are unable to keep up with the rapid economic change to move farther and farther away from the city. Placing an IKEA in Antioch will allow that area to have a thriving source of commerce in a location that has recently been devoid of just that.

An IKEA will have a chance to bring more jobs and prosperity to an area with an average household income that is fifteen percent lower than Nashville's and a High School graduation rate that is thirty-eight percent lower.



**THE SWEDISH INVASION:** This rendering of the Antioch IKEA reveals the store's iconic Swedish flair.

**PHOTO: THE TENNESSEAN**

Mary Jane Turner Hart, the owner of the property on which the IKEA will be built, said of the development, "Our family is so excited that we sold our farm so that the property can be used for the betterment of the Antioch and Davidson County community."

Nashville Mayor Megan Barry said of the impact that the store will have on the community, "We know that by bringing this to Antioch, this is going to revitalize and energize that community as well."

Expect IKEA to become one of the largest consumer attractions in Nashville once it arrives. The 341,000-square-foot store would be equipped with everything vital to upholding the Swedish store's reputation. There will be over 10,000 exclusive IKEA products housed in the massive space, along with many room displays and, of course, a 450-seat restaurant, specializing in Swedish and American cuisine.

For those who are not yet familiar with IKEA, one must realize that it is not merely a store, but rather a culture. The clean and modern look of their products is reflective of the store as a whole. IKEA has become famous for providing affordable, high quality products that are equally infamous for their difficult assembly. Adding to their

excellence in production, the store itself is unlike many other department stores that people have begun to settle for. Whereas at The Home Depot or Costco feel like concrete shells with a few aluminum shelves thrown in them, IKEA brings an entirely new aesthetic to the forefront featuring streamlined organization and an overall feeling of comfortability that is beneficial to the customer and, to some, rather addictive.

Those willing to join the cult-like following of IKEA will have to wait, as it's construction has been delayed

until the spring of 2019, with an opening date scheduled for mid-2020.

The impact that IKEA will have by moving into Antioch can not be overstated. The store is estimated to provide close to one-thousand jobs in construction and retail positions.

While Nashville must wait a few years for the store's arrival, the announcement comes as a signal for the positive expansion of Nashville in an exciting and productive manner.

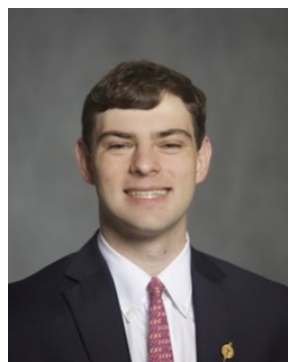
**ALL SMILES:** Nashville Mayor Megan Barry stands beside IKEA manager Joseph Roth at last week's Nashville IKEA's exciting unveiling.

**PHOTO: THE TENNESSEAN**





# Taylor Wraps up Political Disparity Dispute



**By Peter Taylor**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

The semester that has just come to a close

has been an active one for political journalism at both MBA and Harpeth Hall. Jack Capizzi ('18), Carrie Haynes ('17) of Harpeth Hall, and I, Peter Taylor ('17), have all tried to articulate our views, both congruous and conflicting, on the dynamic of the discourse between the sibling schools.

We've all expressed differing perspectives regarding how both schools conduct themselves regarding political discussion. Where I attempted to discount MBA's image as a "Trump school" as being directly linked to the mob mentality that can define other elements of MBA life, Jack Capizzi cited such an expression of belief as merely emblematic of MBA's broader political spectrum.

Capizzi additionally maintained that Trump support at MBA stems from more than just a stereotypically-masculine desire for belligerence, questioning whether such an attitude

even existed in the same vein as I claimed. Both of us agreed that the discourse at MBA is broader than it appears, but we disagreed as to how so.

Upon reading Capizzi's article, I felt like my initial ideas missed their mark in certain areas in my own article's narrow focus. Though I feel my statements were true to what I had observed and reflected on, both Capizzi's article showed my range of research and discussion to be less than complete.

I set out to revise my stance based on both the discourse that sprung from our articles and the day

## Mob mentality does undoubtedly manifest itself in various forms on The Hill.

I spent at Harpeth Hall in mid-April. What defines the political identities of each school, and how can we both express and ameliorate the subsequent discourse between both?

Despite various protests against the contrary among my peers, mob



UNITY: MBA and Harpeth Hall in agreement.

mentality does undoubtedly manifest itself in various forms on The Hill, both generally and politically. The text message in the Class of 2017 GroupMe are testament enough: on the night of the 2016 Election, there were numerous calls to put up Trump signs at Harpeth Hall the next morning, perhaps out of a misguided attempt to assert our school's apparent superiority by conflating our school with the conservative thought that seems to dominate.

That being said, couching all Trump support under the easy label of "belligerently inclined" is indeed unfair to the plurality of viewpoints at MBA. To patronize conservative thought in such a way, as Mr. Capizzi suggested, neither justifies the nuances of political thought that I was unsuccessfully attempting to defend in my previous article nor helps the case of the liberal thinkers at MBA who sometimes feel overshadowed.

At MBA, there is a general fog of marginalization that envelopes all thinkers: conservatives can feel patronized whereas liberals feel underrepresented. Though such an environment can breed conflict, it also breeds healthy and generally respectful debate in classrooms and across campus.

Not so at Harpeth Hall. Though the dominant line of thought on the girls' campus tends toward the liberal, typically regarding social issues, thought without a doubt

follows a similar "groupthink" pattern as the Trump support at MBA, perhaps in an even more vigorous fashion.

At MBA, liberals question Trump supporters; at Harpeth Hall, liberals decry them. Certain girls even feel uncomfortable at expressing differing views, even if such views are equally valid or constructive as the prominent liberal agenda at Harpeth Hall. Instead of inciting discussion, they remain silent out of fear of being ridiculed.

Where does this difference between our schools lie? Perhaps in the general tendency of teenage girls to care more about how their peers view them. In my experience, boys tend to be more comfortable with disagreement than girls, who fear ridicule or social ostracization. This generalization is by no means intended to be fully inclusive; it is merely loosely-informed speculation.

From this reevaluation of our schools' political climates, where do we proceed? The root of the problem lies in the overwhelming desire to best the other school. I believe this inclination lies in the widespread notion that both schools attempt to work in the exact same veins, but that only one can exploit the common method the best. But does such a common method even exist?

"They are different schools," said Marimac McRae ('17) of Harpeth Hall. "How can we expect things to line up perfectly?"

Both students at both schools tend to belittle the other school. Why? Harpeth Hall students, perhaps rightly, claim that MBA students do so with both greater frequency and greater vehemence, but Harpeth Hall students can be equally guilty of a reciprocally patronizing attitude nonetheless.

Though Harpeth Hall may often play the pity-victim card out of frustration for the loss of "their candidate," if such a moniker is even accurate in the face of a broader political spectrum perhaps hidden by the loudest voices, MBA can also tend toward belligerence and belittlement in the touting of its own political views. Neither school has a flawless method of political communication.

How do we rectify our situation so that we might actually arrive at both a better understanding of each other's views and a constructive political dialogue? The key is recognition of both the disparity and the pointlessness of our disagreement. The sooner we begin to confront and discuss both our differences and similarities, we can start looking at each school less as just a source of dates for various dances and equally as a valuable partner for educational collaboration.

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# Thornton Reveals Need for Improvements to Paschall Theater



**By John Thornton**  
*Staff Writer*

During MBA's 150-year existence,

the school has seen remarkable growth in areas of music and theater, largely thanks to Dr. Paschall, the first of MBA's headmasters to promote these activities as a vital part of classical education for men. Despite recent advancements such as the renovated music and arts area and recording studio in Davis, there are many steps MBA could take to reach the still-untapped potential these art departments.

First, the theater has served for years as a great space for the student body to gather and for performances of any kind. But with the growth of MBA's theater department and student body over the years, there is a need for a new space that will become more apparent as the school continues to advance.

The theater is simply not a large enough space to contain the entire student body comfortably, nor does its internal structure provide the same atmosphere and opportunities that a larger and more updated auditorium would offer. Because of the limited space, students often have to squeeze in during assembly, especially when band performances are taking up extra room.

In addition, the lack of proper acoustics precludes sound from traveling properly throughout the

theater and hinders the audibility of musical and theatrical performances. The closed-in nature of the theater's architecture also means that accidents such as a fog machine's being left on for too long could cloud the entire stage with heavy smoke.

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Lastly, a larger and better-designed space might encourage more people to attend less widely popular performances. such as the winter plays and one-acts. As far as music, the choir and band programs at MBA are quite strong, and this leaves opportunity for expansion.

Resident authors and musicians have proven to be a success in the past, and this program has potential to be expanded within the next school year. Private teachers who could provide individual instrumental and vocal lessons would be a welcome addition for students who desire to refine their musicality outside of choir and band. Additionally, the ratio of members in each choir needs to be better managed.

A The Big Red Chorus of over



**RENOVATION ENQUIRY:** *A shot of the wonderfully renovated art wing. But, Thornton asks, is that enough?*

thirty members and a Chamber Choir of over forty is not a sustainable amount of people going forward. Steps have been taken to address this issue, and hopefully next year will see a

better balance of members in each choir and more great performances from each.

**THE MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN:** *Many students see this portrait (left) every Monday but do not realize that it is of the man responsible for the theater they are walking to.*





# April Madness: MBA Debate Finishes with a Great End to A Great Year

By Aden Barton  
Staff Debate Correspondent

The 2017 MBA debate year has finally come to an end. All the research is done, the speeches are over, and the tournaments finished. Hundreds of thousands of pages of documents will never be used again, and debaters are already turning towards next year's topic. Looking back on it now, MBA's season will go down in history as one of, if not the most, successful school debate seasons. The reason behind this season's spectacular success was not the amount of tournament wins or the number of first-place round robin finishes. The reason this season was such a success is because of the unprecedented depth of skill that the school displayed.

This depth of talent was exhibited consistently throughout the year and especially at the last and most important tournament, the Tournament of Champions. The Tournament of Champions is the equivalent of the March Madness tournament that occurs in college basketball because every team competing had to qualify to be there. Every team there devoted countless hours to honing their speaking so that every round is close and intense. To qualify, a partnership must get two bids. To acquire a bid one must get to certain elimination rounds at competitive tournaments. For example, every team in the Octofinals of the first tournament of the year, Greenhill, acquired a bid. This year MBA sent 4 teams to the TOC which is already an impressive feat in and of itself, because it meant we had 4 successful teams. The TOC is longer than a regular tournament, with 7 preliminary rounds instead of 6.

After the first 7 rounds, all 4 teams emerged from the brutal toil victorious so all 4 teams would advance to the elimination rounds. To put this into perspective, no other school had more than 1 team competing in the Octofinals; MBA had 4. Mr. Clark always uses a specific analogy to describe this event: Imagine if the Kentucky Basketball team decided that it was good enough to make two teams, so it took all of its best bench players and formed a separate team. Then, the practice squad from the second team decided to form their own team. Finally, a fourth team was formed with the new recruits from the year. Amazingly, what if all four teams advanced to the sweet sixteen of the March Madness Tournament. That is

what MBA accomplished this year.

In the history of the Tournament of Champions, there has never been a school with three teams in the Octofinals, much less 4, meaning MBA shattered a record this year.

Another impressive fact is the youth of the school's debaters. Out of the 32 competitors in the Octofinals, all of them were seniors except 4 debaters. These 4 debaters all were from MBA. Atticus Glen and Julian Habermann were some of the only sophomores in history to advance to the elimination rounds of the Tournament of Champions. MBA's debaters also received several speaker awards, with

Andrew Kaplan earning 7th speaker, Ben Rosenthal 9th, Liam Jameson 12th, John Cooper 13th, and Atticus Glen 20th. The school received more than double the number of speaker awards than any other school.

As the season ends, debaters across the country are beginning to do research for next year's topic: education reform. Instead of an international topic like China this year, students will turn their attention to a relevant domestic topic: how can we make schools more efficient. To get ahead of the curve, most debaters go to camps over the summer to learn about the topic. This year, MBA is sending large numbers of debaters to camps at colleges like the University of Michigan and Michigan State.



**NO REST FOR THE BEST:** (Above) MBA's graduating senior debaters stand outside of Fenwick's after celebrating their achievements with debate coach Josh Clark. (Below) Sophomore William Bradford becomes the next victim of the TOC's grueling schedule.



MBA is again poised to be at the top of the competition next year with all of the talent the school still has. Another motto of the MBA debate team is that there is always more preparation to be done. The team will spend most of the summer reading and writing debate arguments to be ready to dominate again.

**BEFORE AND AFTER:** (Left) The MBA debate squad poses beside Kingfisher Creek before setting out for a week-long trip to compete in the esteemed Tournament of Champions. (Right) The MBA debate team poses in front of the UK mascot with their impressive plethora of gilded awards, evidence of their incredibly successful season.







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# Mock Trial Finishes Record Season on Top

By Jack Capizzi  
Editor-in-Chief

On May 10th, the Montgomery Bell Academy arrived in the Lowry parking lot at the brisk hour of four forty-five in the morning to set out for the Mock Trial National competition in Hartford, Connecticut. Little did they know, they would return six days later having set a school record in the competition by placing fourth in the nation and scoring more cumulative points than any other team.

The squad consisted of freshmen Aden Barton and Matthew Kaplan, juniors Daniel Cowan and Jack Capizzi, and seniors John Cooper, John Fioravanti, and Andrew Kaplan, and coaches Michael Stewart and the winningest Mock Trial coach in Tennessee history as well as recent Totomoi inductee, Wade Cowan. Some credit must also be given to one of the most vital members of the team, timekeeper Zach Brown, who handled the job of pushing buttons on a stopwatch with maturity and finesse.

Leading up to the Mock Trial team's date with destiny, the squad amassed numerous hours of practice in delivering opening and closing arguments, taking on the roles of the witnesses in the case, and shaping their personas to take on likeable qualities that are not often associated with lawyers.

Upon arrival in Hartford, the team continued its ever-present rigorous practice schedule by spending a day and



**STAGES OF VICTORY:** (Left) The Mock Trial team poses before their third round. (Right) The seniors give a pep talk before the final round.



a half prepping to avoid any mishaps that could occur in the courtroom. These final hours of preparation proved vital to the team's success.

In the first two rounds on Friday, May 12th, MBA faced off against Kentucky and Wisconsin. Both teams put up a fight but were inevitably swept aside by the poise of lawyers Andrew Kaplan and Daniel Cowan, as well as dominating performances by witnesses John Cooper and John Fioravanti.

On Saturday, the competition began to heat up. In the first round, MBA went up against a well-prepared team from California that signaled a rise in competition from the previous day. Matthew Kaplan's mature handling

of his opposing lawyer proved to be a catalyst for the team as MBA went on to win two of three ballots in our favor and only missed out on the third ballot by one point out of one-hundred.

Unfortunately, our final round would prove to be less successful. The opponent was Georgia and, although the round proved to be close, MBA walked away from that round on the opposite side of how the team had left the round against California. MBA lost two ballots, both either by three points or less, and won the other.

The performance by Montgomery Bell Academy's Mock Trial team beat out last year's fifth place finish in Boise, Idaho and was a sign

that big things are on the way. Although the team will have to part with Seniors Andrew Kaplan, John Cooper, and John Fioravanti, a bright future lies ahead in the form of the returning juniors and freshmen that currently make up the heart of the Mock Trial team.

The season finished with a seventh consecutive district championship, a record tying second state championship, and the most successive finish at the National Competition by an MBA team in recent history. Anyone interested in joining the team next year should enroll in the Wilson Class for Mock Trial that is available this summer or contact Mr. Stewart with a message of interest.



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# MBA Globetrotters: Warner Exchange Sends Boys around the World

**By Joe Spear**  
Features Editor

This year, a record number of juniors submitted applications for MBA's Warner Exchange program, which allows students to travel the world and experience a new culture and school free of charge. Both the Warner family and the Whitson family have continued to generously sponsor these trips year after year, making it one of the best programs MBA has to offer. After a selective application process, 24 juniors were selected to attend 12 different schools all across the world during the school year and summer. MBA has obviously built up an incredible network of connections across the world as students will be travelling to 7 different countries this summer. Included in this list are:

**Winchester College:** Jackson Abbey, Fenner Pollock, and Brady Slinger will be flying to London to attend one of England's best boarding schools for the month of June.

**Lindisfarne, New Zealand:** Ben Evans and Carter Smith will be spending their time in the Southern Hemisphere this summer.

**Christ College, New Zealand:** Thomas Carr, Blake Robison, and Isaac Wills

will also be travelling to New Zealand this summer, but at a different school from their MBA peers.

**Michaelhouse, South Africa:** Both Matthew Stagg and Zach Smith will be heading to South Africa for 5 weeks.

**Christ College Grammar School, Australia:** Jack Crawford and Rob Harvey will be spending a month this summer down under.

beautiful coast of the Queensland.

**The Hutchins School, Tasmania:** Patrick Butner and Bradford Holladay will be travelling to one of the more obscure places in the world to spend a few weeks in Tasmania.

**Melbourne Grammar School:** Ian Beyer and Watson Dill will be the third group of MBA students to be in Australia for a month this summer.

**The Raffles Institution, Singapore:** Wesley Hall and Tucker Harwell, along with Coach Golenor, will be spending several weeks in Singapore.

The Warner Exchange program will provide each student with the opportunity to take their educational experience beyond the Hill and across the world. For this reason, the Warner Exchange Program has become hallmark of the opportunities available to students at Montgomery Bell Academy.

The boys will most definitely have incredible experiences and, for this reason, truly not enough thanks cannot be given to the donors, Mrs. Scholer, Mr. Gioia, and Dr. Boyd for assisting in making these trips happen.

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# Alumni Spotlight: Alex Apple ('10) Does It All

By Ben Coulthard  
Editor-in-Chief

After graduating MBA, Alex Apple ('10) probably did not expect that seven years later, he would be taking home \$124,418 after competing on a *Survivor*-like game show located in Fiji. Apple was one of 10 contestants on MTV's premiere season of *Stranded With a Million Dollars*, a show where the contestants were put on a deserted island in Fiji and given only one rule: survive for 40 days. But there was a catch. No tools were given to them to survive. If they wanted something like a machete or flint to start a fire, it would cost them an exorbitant amount of money that would come out of the final winnings. It took all of Alex's strength to survive and emerge a victor.

A member of the cross country, basketball, baseball, and track teams at MBA, as well as writer for *The Bell Ringer* and four-year member of the honor council, Alex graduated in 2010 and went to TCU for college, where he studied journalism and political science.

During his time in college, Alex did everything from create his own website that focused on sports in the Dallas-Fort Worth area to hosting a weekly radio show to writing for Fox Sports and Yahoo. He enjoyed writing and knew he might have a passion for it, so he decided to give journalism and broadcasting a try.

After college, Alex took a job in 2014 at WCAX-TV in Burlington, Vermont, that covers the Vermont, New York, and New Hampshire areas. This

job put him in the right place at the right time, as he was given the opportunity to cover the 2016 election for the station.

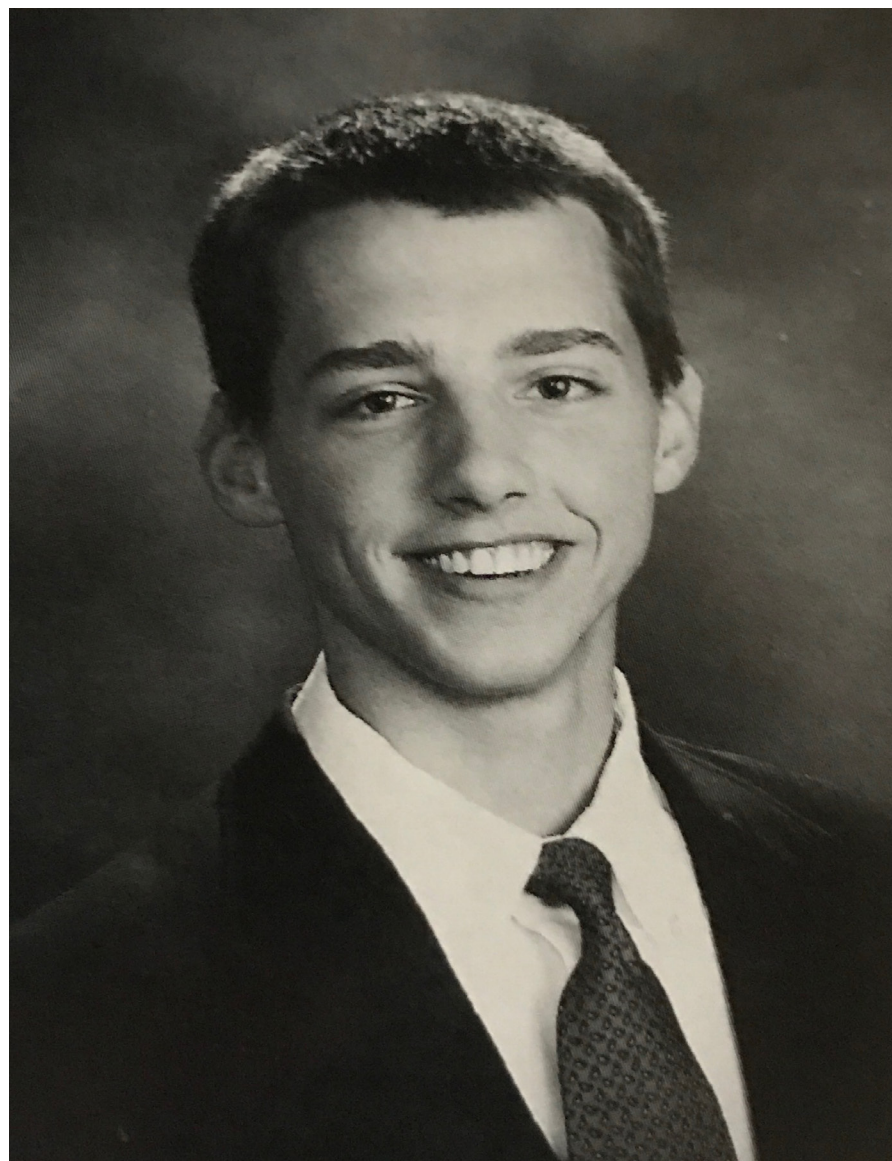
Alex said, "It was the CBS affiliate's decision to allow me the opportunity to cover the election, but they had enough trust in me to give me the opportunity of a lifetime, given how eventful this past election was." His previous work was good enough to warrant the chance to cover one of the most eventful and important periods of American politics in the election.

On the campaign trail, Apple followed Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-VT) all over the United States. Coming from Vermont, Alex knew all about the candidate he described as "a genuine but no-nonsense senator from Brooklyn" he knew beforehand due to Sanders' period as senator of the same state as his station.

Traveling all over the place, from Iowa to Pennsylvania to South Carolina, Apple followed Sanders on the election trail while following his passions in politics. But he was soon presented with a once-of-a-lifetime opportunity on the campaign trail.

When explaining how he ended up on *Stranded With a Million Dollars*, Alex said, "I did not even know what the plot was, other than the fact it was a *Survivor*-like show. I applied online and submitted a basic [biography] about myself, as well as a headshot."

Sent in as an afterthought, the application appeared once again a few days later in Alex's inbox asking him to come do some interviews for the show, with the final one ending in Los Angeles.



**BIG RED THROWBACK:** Alex Apple, pictured here in his graduating year of 2010, has amassed an impressive list of occupations since leaving the hill.

After getting the invite, Alex decided to join the program. He saw the opportunity as "a chance to test myself in a way I

hadn't been tested before. I knew if I took an opportunity, it would be while I was still young. It turned out to be quite an adventure."

The show ended up testing Alex more than he thought possible. He said the entire show was difficult. He only had one meal in the last 13 days of the show, which made him realize how appreciative of his blessings he truly was. When talking about the show, Alex explained, "I saw the extreme blessings of life and how I hope to never truly lose sight of them. Not everyone is afforded the same opportunity I was given."

While having covered an election and now being a reality TV star, Alex has not lost sight of what made him the person he is today. He credits MBA in giving him the opportunities that he has taken advantage of since high school. He advises all current students to take advantage of everything MBA has to offer, as well as "it has set you up for success in the future, it's just up to you to take advantage of wherever you want to go."

**JACK OF ALL TRADES:** Alex Apple relaxes on a tire as he takes a brake in a habitat that has become natural to him. The once MBA basketball player has turned into a reality TV star while not forgetting his roots as a member of the Big Red.

PHOTO: MTV





# Bonnaroo 2017 Sizes up to be a Smashing Success

By Isaac Wills  
Entertainment Editor

Bonnaroo 2016 represented a record low turnout for the Superfly Presents and AC Entertainment-led music festival hosted in our very own Manchester, Tennessee. Totalling at 45,500, the 2016 attendance was a decrease of 40% from the year prior. However, Bonnaroo 2017 looks to erase this trend entirely.

Spurred on by a phenomenal slate of artists, this festival aims to recapture the magic of its record-setting predecessors from 2012 and 2014. Tent City will return in full force with activity booths including, but not limited to, the Silent Disco, the Comedy Tent, and Splash-a-Roo.

Junior Manny Rogers chimed in, saying, “My favorite part about past Bonnaroo’s [aside from the music] has been watching in the Silent Disco.” The Silent Disco is a booth where multiple individuals are given headphones in sync with what a DJ is playing, the catch being that when they start dancing, it looks like they are dancing to no music at all.

Speaking of DJs, The Bell Ringer caught-up with former MBA Class of 2018 member and current USN junior Sam Strang. Over the past two years, Sam has discovered a passion

for DJing, one which has led him to performing at dozens of events: “It has gotten to the point where I’ve had to say ‘no’ to events simply because I don’t have the time. Typically, I have one or two gigs a week, especially now with graduation parties.”

Sam will be DJing at Bonnaroo this summer, and he offered some insight into what was a surprisingly relaxed application process: “Typically you just submit a form along with some of your music, however, I got the opportunity when Scratch Academy (a DJ school in New York) reached out to me and said that they had some spots in the Red Bull DJ program to fill. I said yes, of course!”

While Sam’s landing a spot at Bonnaroo 2017 is perhaps fortuitous in nature, he is taking full advantage of the opportunity. He shared, “They have me playing at 3 AM on Friday and 2 AM on Saturday. I’ve got a 45 minute set on both days. . . I’m really excited.”

Performing at Bonnaroo is just one part of the equation, however, as Sam will also be a part time fan: “I’m really excited about the lineup this year with artists like Travis Scott, Chance, and other DJs like Yellow Claw and Louis the Child.”

Likewise, several MBA students who are going to Bonnaroo shared about what they are most looking forward to. The Bell Ringer’s Features editor Joe



**ARC OF THE COVENANT:** Every year, thousands of music fans, and tens of MBA students, flock to this famous Bonnaroo arc to hear their favorite artists perform their favorite tracks.

Spear expressed his enthusiasm: “It’s going to be a really great time, and I’m looking forward to the music!”

Junior Patrick Dennis discussed his previous experiences with some of the artists who will be at Bonnaroo this summer. He added, “I’ve seen Chance the Rapper, Cage the Elephant, Portugal the Man, Yellow Claw, Louis the Child, Flatbush Zombies, G Jones, and heRobust. I’d say the most impressive of all those artists was heRobust and

Yellow Claw because their DJ sets had really complicated special effects like a mechanical dragon, paint, fire, etc.”

Fellow Junior Parker Bowen mentioned he had gone to several of the same concerts, noting, “heRobust was a fun concert, [and] Flatbush Zombies puts on a great performance.”

Bonnaroo 2017’s monstrous lineup will certainly impress; it will be a fantastic event for all who are going. The festival starts on June 8th, and it will conclude on June 11th.

## Bonnaroo Student Favorites For 2017

### 5. Red Hot Chili Peppers—

These Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees look to make a big splash at Bonnaroo 2017. Their Billboard Album Sales chart-topper *The Getaway* was a massive success in 2016, and the band plans to perform a mixture of their new material and classic tunes. Furthermore, the group already has one Bonnaroo experience under their belts, so they show promise to improve on what was already a fantastic show in 2012.

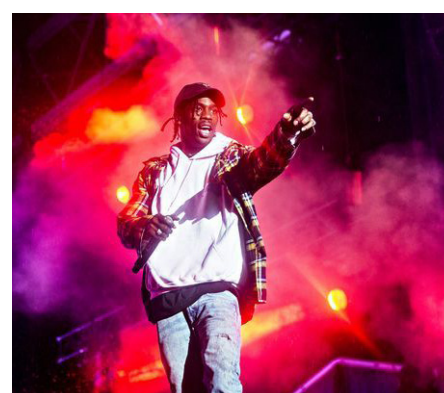


4. **Flume**— 2016, marked by his release of *Skin*, was a tremendous year for Flume. *Skin*’s producer Harley Streten said of the project: “[It’s] a grand expedition in trying to capture the biggest, most epic, powerful moments.” Consequently, Flume’s appearance at Bonnaroo comes off the coattails of a very successful international tour from which Flume garnered increasing notoriety. He is decisively the headliner for electronic artists this summer.

3. **Chance the Rapper**— In terms of momentum heading into Bonnaroo, few rival Chance the Rapper. He’s coming off of a massively successful year which culminated in his winning of three Grammy awards, including “best new artist.” His 2016 *Coloring Book* was a smashing success, landing the



**HEADLINERS:** (Top to Bottom) Chance the Rapper, Travis Scott, and U2 look to bring the heat to Manchester, Tennessee as a few of the most anticipated performances of Bonnaroo this year.



Grammy for “best rap album.” Awards aside, Chance’s previous experience at Bonnaroo gives him the tools necessary to be huge success.

2. **Travis Scott**— Nominally, Travis Scott might not carry the same weight as some of his co-stars this summer, but few artists offer as much intrigue as he. His show is going to be a riot and maybe not just figuratively. Just a month ago, Scott was arrested in Arkansas while on his “Bird’s Eye View” tour for inciting a riot. Scott is going to bring moxie to Bonnaroo, and there is a great chance that he will perform some of the new songs he has dropped this spring.

1. **U2**— Undeniably one of music’s greatest all-time live acts, U2 enters Bonnaroo in what will be the band’s first American music festival appearance. While millennial audiences (and longtime U2 fans for that matter) might have raised concerns about the group’s 2014 *Songs of Innocence*, the promise of their *The Joshua Tree 30th Anniversary* tour is more than reason enough to experience this show. Couple that with the unfortunate yet indisputable truth that U2’s performance days are dwindling, and you have no reason to pass-up this opportunity.



# CMA Fest: Country Music's Mecca

By Jackson McFadden  
Staff Writer

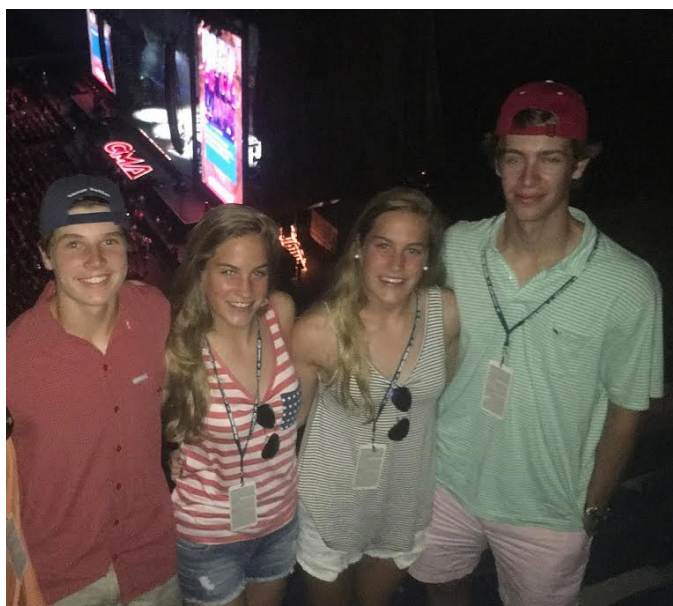
The weekend that every country music fan lives for is right around the corner: CMA Festival. Better known as CMA Fest, the country music festival spans over four days in early June around the city of Nashville.

Despite the numerous activities throughout downtown, the main attractions are the four concerts found centerstage within Nissan Stadium. These concerts feature some of the top country artists, both past and present, and this year is no exception.

This year's lineup is one of the most star-studded in recent CMA Fest history with many of the artists being regarded as the top stars of today's country music world. Some of the notable performers will include Luke Bryan, Keith Urban, Thomas Rhett, Florida-Georgia Line, and Chris Stapleton.

These current country superstars are balanced out by a contingency of throwback country legends whose careers have been active longer than the lives of some of these newer artists. These country legends include Kenny Rogers, John Anderson, and Tracy Lawrence. Other great artists like Dierks Bentley, Rascal Flatts, and Brad Paisley will also be making a splash in this year's CMA Fest.

Unfortunately, not all of the top country artists can take part in CMA Fest, but there are two country artists that a host of country music fans would both



**COUNTRY MUSIC'S NIGHT TO ROCK:** Jackson McFadden ('18) (far left) and Thomas Carr ('18) (far right) enjoy a night of music.

expect and want to see. These two artists are Carrie Underwood and Jason Aldean. It is surprising that these two artists are not performing at CMA Fest this year because in the last few years, they have been two of the headlining acts. Junior Thomas Carr will surely be upset about the "no show" from Carrie Underwood as he referred to her as "a gift from God who one could only enjoy at CMA Fest." Aldean will also be missed for numerous reasons with the biggest being the absence of his raps in "Dirt Road Anthem," a song of his that so many country music fans have come to know by heart.

The absence of Carrie Underwood and Jason Aldean will not ruin CMA Fest or take away from the four nights for the fans who make their way to

Nissan Stadium. The numerous chart-topping artists, the atmosphere, and the excitement generated by CMA Fest will culminate in a festival that will be nearly impossible to top.

As Junior Cole Deal put it, "There is no other time of year when Nashville is buzzing as much as it is during CMA Fest. There is no other place where all the stars can take the same stage in the city where it all began for them."

The atmosphere surrounding those four nights in June is unbelievable. Going into downtown Nashville will be like entering into a country music utopia, and if you are lucky enough to score tickets to the main event where the top artists play, it will be a virtual country music heaven.

CMA Fest gives the fans a once in a

lifetime experience for four nights. CMA Fest is the perfect concert because it panders to the fans what they want to hear from their favorite artists in the "Country Music Capital" of the world.

## Jackson McFadden's Top 5 Artists for CMA Fest 2017

1. Florida Georgia Line
2. Thomas Rhett
3. Dierks Bentley
4. Keith Urban
5. Luke Bryan

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# Guardians 2: Highs, Lows, and What's Up Next

By Harrison Kidd  
Staff Writer

With the recent May 5 release of *Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 2*, excitement among Marvel fans, moviegoers, and children of all ages peaked to an all-time high. But more cynical viewers and critics entered theaters with stereotypical sequel skepticism.

The first *Guardians of the Galaxy* film was revolutionary in terms of its heavy dosage of humor and integrated use of music. Furthermore, it defied the stereotyping tropes commonly tagged to superhero films. And due to the direction provided by director James Gunn, *Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 2* came through as a success on many levels. The movie had many beautiful things going for it. But the aforementioned stingier troop of moviegoers had several complaints.

The first of these grievances was that the movie focuses on one location for the vast majority of its running time. In the movie, the spotlight remains on Ego, the living planet, who is also Starlord's father, and the movie never diverges from this location, aside from a small side quest featuring Rocket and Groot. Even this adventure, however, eventually leads them to Ego.

Secondly, for those few who thought the plot would be as sporadic as an M. Night Shyamalan movie, the story was surprisingly predictable. Almost everyone knew before watching that Yondu would make some ultimate sacrifice because he loves Peter, and it didn't take an analyst to realize Ego is the antagonist from early on in the movie.

Finally, a popular but more controversial complaint of the movie was that it has too much humor. Most people who previously watched and enjoyed the first *Guardians* movie disagreed, but others, fresh into the series, were not necessarily impressed with the humor.

Some viewers thought the humor nullified the audience's ability to sympathize with the cast of characters. The infusion of humor was seen by some to hinder crucial character development, turning serious moments into ones of shallow bodily humor.

But even with these critiques, there were many positive aspects to the movie. Beginning on a minor note, audiences were confirmed that some Marvel characters had dual contracts between 20th Century Fox and Disney. The Watchers, the rights to which were first thought to be owned only by 20th Century Fox, were somehow featured in this *Guardians* film in conjunction with Stan Lee's cameo. But in a *Screen Rant* interview, director James Gunn confirmed that many Marvel characters are actually co-owned between 20th Century Fox and Disney, opening up

the possibility for other previously unimaginable character combinations in the Disney Marvel Universe.

Another minor but nice feature of the new film is that Gunn alters the plot points of the movie from the comics. In the comics, Ego is not Starlord's father but instead Starlord's father is a king from another galaxy. Having Ego as Starlord's father raises the stakes in the case of the movie, making the plot far more interesting.

Consistent with the first movie in the series, the music was incredible. The music heavily influences the film's moods and vibes; it's a playlist that truly does not disappoint. Gunn also took advantage of Groot being a baby and used it to create some captivating perspectives in scenes. For example, the attention is on Baby Groot during the big fight scene during the opening credits.

As with the Groot scenes, the bantering, sarcastic, and back-and-forth humor characteristic to the first *Guardians* is also present throughout *Volume 2*, making the most sober of audiences break a smile. The usual quirky Marvel easter eggs and references, including Howard the Duck's spotlight and Stan Lee's usual cameo, appeased Marvel regulars and drew those unfamiliar with the Marvel franchise deeper into the universe.

Yet, there were touching moments sprinkled throughout the film, leaving audiences with "something in their eye," and Gunn's ability to create emotional scenes are what makes this film as memorable as it is.

From Yondu's "Ravager funeral," a moment when the character is recognized posthumously for his heroism, to even the fairly sober moments when Mantis touched Drax and began to cry uncontrollably, the movie possesses a switch which allows the mood to change flawlessly and instantaneously.

Another big part of what made the film so good was its relatability in such a foreign situation. No, people probably cannot relate to their father being a planet who wants to take over and destroy the entire multiverse. But they can relate to the realistic family dynamic of the *Guardians*.

With their unconditional love for one another (despite all their bickering), the alienation that each member of the *Guardians* feels for their respective reasons seems palpable. The prospect of having a fatherly role model lies in the balance, such as the dynamic that Rocket and Starlord have with Yondu, or Baby Groot with Starlord.

What are the next steps for the *Guardians*? James Gunn admitted that the *Guardians* will be in the *Infinity War* movies, and that there will be a third installment in the *Guardians* franchise. However, unfortunately, the third



**GUARDIANS RETURN:** This new addition to the Marvel Univers gives viewers more action in the epic saga, as well as many hints on what lies beyond Marvel's immediate horizon.

*Guardians of the Galaxy* film will be the last installment in the current guardians saga.

Many are already excited for this final movie, and for good reason, given all of the hints and quips in the five post-credit scenes. Yes, there are five.

In the first scene, the loyal(ish) first mate to Yondu, Kraglin, attempts to use Yondu's arrow. Although the arrow comically plunges into Drax's neck, it seems as if Kraglin's gradual mastery of the arrow will lead him to become a new member of the *Guardians*. Secondly, Stakar (Sylvester Stallone), the leader of the ravagers, reunites with his fellow thieves and decides to become friends with all of them again. This group features many of the members from the original 1975 comic cast of the *Guardians of the Galaxy*, perhaps hinting at a future collaboration between the two groups.

The post credit scene most viewers were drooling over was the third one. A frustrated Ayesha, leader of the Sovereign race, is shown showing off her newest creation. She calls it Adam.

As a casual Marvel fan, one might wonder why so many people were flipping out about this creation. Adam is short for Adam Warlock, or Him, one of the most powerful heroes in all of the Marvel universe, a future member of

the *Guardians of the Galaxy*, and one of Thanos's biggest enemies.

Disappointingly, in James Gunn's interview with *Screenrant*, he explained that Adam will not be featured in *Infinity War*. However, he said with certainty that he would feature later in the Marvel Universe, creating excitement for every hardcore Marvel fan.

Groot is center stage the fourth post credit scene, now as a teenager. Starlord and Teenage Groot have a semi harsh exchange, with Groot lamenting about cleaning his room and playing video games. Not only does this scene shed light on Groot's maturation, but it also shows that Starlord and Groot will now be able to communicate with one another in future movies, this ability having previously been exclusive to Rocket.

Finally, the previous Stan Lee cameo featuring the Watchers is further elaborated on. Stan tells the Watchers about all of the various costumes he's worn and the things he's seen, even implying he takes care of the Marvel Universe.

Many are torn about what this last scene means, and some think that Stan himself serves as a Guardian an Watcher over the Marvel Universe. Although Stan is 94 now, this scene confirms that he will hold an important place in the Marvel Universe.



## Tennis Takes the Title (cont.)

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Senior Frist Allen described what winning the championship meant to him by saying, “Winning almost seemed surreal. [I’m] so proud of how the team fought the whole way through.”

This team showed resilience and perseverance by overcoming their loss from earlier in the season and defeating Baylor. It meant a lot for the seniors on this team to win, because this team was

one of the closest teams that MBA has had in years. After being on the team since he was in 8th grade, senior George Harwell said, “This is the closest team I’ve been apart of in my time at MBA.” After this glorious moment for the team, there are still two singles players and two doubles team ready to compete in the individual competition.

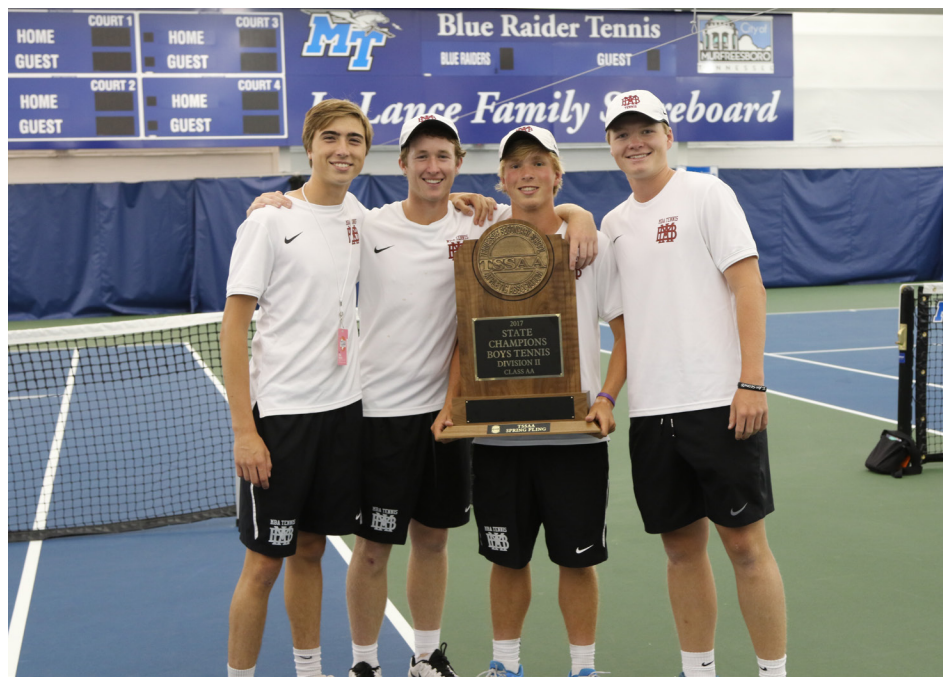
In the individual state championship, George Harwell won his third consecutive state title, an incredible

feat for any high school athlete in any sport. Harwell will be going to Vanderbilt University next year to play tennis. In disappointing news, despite qualifying for the individual state tournament, the doubles team of sophomore Hugh Graham and senior John Morphett lost in the semifinals while the team of junior Matthew Bulow and freshman Richard Cummins fell in the first round. Junior John Spurgeon also fell in the first round of the individual state tournament.

Coach Davidson wrapped up the season by saying, “The team was incredibly tight knit this year, bound together by friendship and the common goal of winning a state title, and they worked very hard in matches and during practice. While this hard work is not always rewarded with success, it’s very satisfying when it is, and I’m very excited that the hard work the boys put in this year resulted in such a fantastic finish to the season.”



**FOREHAND:** Captain Frist Allen ('17) returns the ball with power.



**SENIORS:** Seniors Cole Thornton, George Harwell, John Morphett and Frist Allen celebrate the State Championship.

## Every Day is Jersey Day (cont.)

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As the Preds continued their run in the postseason, the success started to attract more and more attention. Students stayed up late at night, not to do homework, but rather to watch hockey. The latest of nights came during Game Three of the Blackhawks series. Fans remained at Bridgestone Arena until Kevin Fiala found the back of the net for the game-winner in overtime, just past midnight.

Junior Alex McClellan was in the arena at the time of the goal and described the atmosphere. “The energy inside Bridgestone was absolutely electric. Everyone was rocking!”

Junior hockey player Robert Cowan, who regularly attends Preds games and has been present at all of Nashville’s home playoff games so far, added to McClellan’s comments about the crowd. “During a regular season game, most people won’t get to their seats until puck drop, but that’s been different in the playoffs. Everyone is in their seats well before puck drop, and this past game, [the fans] even cheered the team off the ice after warm ups.”

Cowan continued by saying, “I think

so many people in Nashville have gotten used to the lackluster local teams over the years, and everyone is excited to have a team compete for a championship. You can see that in the noise level during the games.”

The Predators followed up that overtime victory with a series clinching win over Chicago, sweeping the Blackhawks. A couple students were seen the next day at school carrying around brooms to show their support for the Preds completing the sweep.

As the playoffs carried on into the Blues, the fandom continued to grow. More students donned their jerseys during the school day, and lunch discussions often times were about the playoff hockey. The Predators successfully defeated the Blues in the second round of the playoffs in six games, clinching the series once again in Bridgestone Arena. Sitting four wins away from the Stanley Cup Finals, the anticipation for the upcoming series is more prevalent than ever.

Nashville came onto the hockey scene in 1997 with the league expanding into Tennessee. Hosting the 2016 All-Star Weekend built up the hockey world’s

awareness of Nashville even more, but the current playoff run is bringing the attention to a whole new level. Between the country music stars singing the national anthem and the team’s exciting offensive style, the hockey world has their eyes on “Smashville.” ESPN’s hockey analyst Barry Melrose went as far as to say, “If Nashville goes to the Stanley Cup Final, it will be the best Stanley Cup Final we have ever had.”

The world will get a chance to see what Melrose believes will be the best Stanley Cup as the Predators, despite injuries to captain Mike Fisher and offensive juggernaut Ryan Johansen, defeated the Anaheim Ducks in six games.

As the Predators continue their playoff run seeking “The Cup”, look for the attention to continue to grow, both locally and nationally. And do not expect to see any change in attire across the MBA campus. Lassing said, “If [the Predators] are still going when we graduate, you might see a few of us walking across the stage with our jerseys on.”



**SPOTTED:** Cameron Jacobson ('19) wears his throwback Preds jersey to school on gameday.



# A Storied Past: 2017 Big Red Carry on a Tradition of Lacrosse Excellence

By Palmer Thombs  
Associate Editor

Sweat ran down the crisp white jerseys as the Big Red exited the field. The occasional grass stain or the smell like a locker room did not take away from the MBA victory. The players walked off Frank Andrews Field chatting and greeting their families and friends under the blue cloudless sky.

After a victory over the Franklin Rebels, Montgomery Bell Academy's 2017 lacrosse team was advancing to the State Semifinals to take on the McCallie Blue Tornado, adding on to the rich history of MBA's ever-growing lacrosse program.

Lacrosse on "The Hill" began in 1990 when coach John Baer volunteered to lead the team. Being played during the spring, MBA was able to draw from its pool of athletes and field a lacrosse team.

Baer told the story of starting the program when asked about his time as coach. "Starting lacrosse at MBA in the winter of 1990 was really a fortuitous accident." Having grown up in Long Island and being new to the Nashville area, Baer continued by saying, "One day, I saw some kids walking down a hill from what I had recently discovered was a pretty famous boys prep school. These kids had lacrosse sticks in their hands and amongst the three of them, there was little to no skill. I introduced myself to them and offered to show them a thing or two. After a brief demonstration, they realized there was actually a point to the devices they were carrying in their hands, they were hooked."

The following day, the three boys brought friends with them to the open field space and discussion of beginning an organized team began. Baer spoke with the administration at MBA and the rest was history.

After going 6-4 in their first season, the Big Red finished the 1991 season second in the state led by Tennessee's first All-American, Jeff Lundstrom. Baer and the Big Red got to the top in 1992 when they won the program's first state championship with an 18-2 record.

**DODGE:** Gordon Pollock ('18) beats his defender to the goal



Defeating teams from nine states, MBA was led by first team All-American goalie Alex Dean. The program only took off from there.

The year 1993 brought more success as the Big Red rolled to their second consecutive Tennessee Scholastic Lacrosse Association (TSLA) State Championship, as well as their second consecutive Mid-American Lacrosse Association Conference (MALC) championship. MBA finished the '93 season 17-0 and Aaron Peterson was named an All-American. The 1994 Big



**THE BEGINNING:** 1994 State Champs

Red took home yet another championship, their third in a row, defeating Christian Brothers in the finals.

Competition for the Big Red came in 1995 and

1996 as MBA finished second in the state both years, led by Kirk Howell and Tyler Coleman, MBA's fourth and fifth All-Americans respectively.

The next spring, Baer left the program. Leading MBA to seven straight Nashville Interscholastic League Lacrosse Tournament championships, the program's first coach left with a 93-19 record and had set a foundation for one of Tennessee's lacrosse powerhouses.

Baer said, "We first started with fringe guys at the school who were looking for something to call their own. Eventually, the appeal of the game migrated into the better crew of athletes, and after only four years, we went from never having played a game to being ranked #22 in the country by Lacrosse Magazine."

Taking over the program in 1998 after Baer was current MBA Latin teacher, J.P. Bernatavitz. Over the course of his five years coaching, Bernatavitz led three State Runner-Up teams (1999, 2001, and 2002) and coached two All-Americans:

Matthew McIntosh, who continued on to play at North Carolina, in 2000 and 2001, and Leighton Liles in 2001.

About playing a tough schedule during his time as coach, Bernatavitz said, "Since we did not have much competition in Tennessee with the exception of McCallie and Memphis University School, we made it a point to play against the best. This was often difficult to arrange since the MBA Lacrosse name was not out there yet.

However, we still found schools that were willing to give us a chance, so that we, as a program could develop and test our skills."

He added, "In order to compete with these types of schools, we had to rely more on effort than talent. Since there are more feeder options in Middle Tennessee now, there is a greater pool of talent from which to draw."

In 2003, Coach Dan Cooper, current middle school math teacher and 8th grade lacrosse coach, took over the varsity program. His first year as head coach came with huge success. The Big Red, ranked number one in the South and in the top fifty nationally, finished the season 18-1, with its lone loss coming in the State Championship, being upset by Memphis University School. Led by All-American Cyrus Adams, MBA defeated the eventual State Champions from Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, and Texas. Cooper was named Coach of the Year by TSLA. Cooper led the program for three seasons, compiling a 42-13 record and coaching All-Americans Adams and Ryan Burns ('05).

Cooper passed the reins to John Harvey in 2006. Harvey experienced immediate success, winning the 2006 State Championship, MBA's first in twelve years and the program's most recent State Championship victory. The 15-3 Big Red defeated McCallie 9-7 in the finals. Despite having numerous successful teams such as finishing Runner-Up in 2011 and 2013, the Big Red could not get back to the pinnacle of Tennessee lacrosse. Harvey left MBA after the 2014 season with a 113-50 record. During his time, Harvey, MBA's winningest lacrosse coach to date, coached eight All-Americans: Chris Cahill ('07) (two-time All-American), Rob Phipps ('07), George Curtis ('10), Clay Adams ('11) (two-time All-American), Ben Carpenter ('11), Mattison Hamilton ('12), Augie Houghton ('12), and Samuel Bamigboye ('14). Several players from Harvey's time continued their lacrosse careers in college at universities such as Denver, Johns Hopkins, and Syracuse.

"I was very fortunate to arrive at MBA with the lacrosse program being right on the verge of taking the necessary steps to grow within the athletic culture at MBA, Nashville, and the Southeast," Harvey said, adding that "I was able to ride the national growth of the sport in participation and popularity, and was very fortunate that this growth directly matched my time at MBA. The overall game became much more athletic and skilled during my time, and that is a direct reflection of the programs and coaching that became available to the youth in Nashville through MBA."

After Harvey left MBA in 2014, Matt Garvey took over as head coach. In his

three seasons to date, Garvey has led teams to the semifinals, finals, and the semifinals once again in this most recent season. 2016's State Runner-Up Big Red included two All-Americans, junior Gabe Mendoza and senior Benjamin Graves. This spring, the Big Red came up short falling to the McCallie Blue Tornado in the 2017 TSLA Semifinals. With eleven All-Region players and eight All-State selectees, this year's Big Red are a product of the growth of lacrosse in the Nashville community as a whole. The birth of MBA's Summer Lacrosse League in the early 1990s, run by assistant coach Chris Smith who has provided as much of a base for growth of the sport as any individual, as well as the growth of travel lacrosse in Tennessee during the 2000s has sparked an interest in players at a younger age. Development of skills that used to take place in high school, now is beginning in middle school, or earlier, where MBA has a very successful program as well.



**LAX BROS:** Leighton (left) and William (right) Liles ('01)

Leighton Liles, a member of the Big Red lacrosse teams from 1998 to 2001 and an All-American in his senior campaign, serves as an elementary school lacrosse coach in the area. He spoke about the ways the game has changed. "The game when I played was a slower game built more around one on one matchups and transitional goals off turnovers. The ball spent more time on the ground and the riding/clearing game was much less efficient. You watch a game today and it's so much cleaner. The way the ball moves around, the team offensive concepts, defense moving the ball to the offense, it's great to watch." He quickly defended his era of lacrosse by adding, "Of course, these guys wouldn't stand a chance against us old timers."

The future is bright for the Big Red lacrosse program. Returning three-year starters Harrison Graves, Fenner Pollock, and Gordon Pollock along with other key members from this year's successful team, MBA is left in good hands for next season. Younger players like sophomore All-Region defenseman Jackson Hannah and freshman attackman Stephen Avery instill confidence for years to come. This year's team is another in the storied history of MBA lacrosse, carrying on the tradition of dominance that has been established since 1990.



# The Curse Continues: Big Red Claim Runner Up Despite Regular Season Success

By Jake McSween  
Staff Writer

Coming off of a heart-breaking penalty shoot out loss in the finals of last year's state championship game, the Varsity Soccer team was poised for another deep run in the playoffs this season. Always taking care of "the little things" as head coach Giles Cheevers would say, the team found a way to bounce back for the disappointing end to the previous season.

The team started out the season strong with a hard-fought 1-0 win over CPA. Though the scoreboard was not reflective of the game, the team found a way to finally stick one in the back of the net for the victory.

The next test came against Brentwood Academy as the team traveled to enemy territory and grinded out another 1-0 win. However, the biggest game of the year came against rival McCallie. After going up 2-0, the Blue Tornado battled back to tie the game 2-2, the way the match ended.

The final highly anticipated matchup of the regular season was a 3-2 nail-biter against rival Father Ryan. After letting the Irish come back from a two goal deficit to tie the game 2-2, Luke Bernatavitz willed the winning goal past the goalkeeper with under five minutes to go, giving the Big Red the 3-2 victory.

Overall, the team swept through their competition ending the regular season with an 11-0-1 record and securing the number one seed in the state playoffs. The team was also ranked second nationally on the high school athletics website, MaxPreps. Luke Bernatavitz led the team in goals while Henry Hylbert led in assists.

As with any team, senior leadership has played a huge role in the Big Red's success this season. Under the helm of seniors starters Andrew Porter, Ellis Moore, Collin Ragsdale, Dean Cheevers,

and Andrew Duffey, the team has created a sense of community within itself stemming from the comradery building trip to Atlanta and the weekly yoga sessions. As Dean Cheevers puts it in one word: "Namaste."

The culmination of the season came in the State Tournament. In the quarterfinals, the Big Red defeated MUS handily 3-0 with goals from Luke Bernatavitz, Henry Hylbert, and William Porter. This gave MBA a spot in the semifinals to face rivals Father Ryan for the second time this season.

In the semifinals, the team took an early 1-0 lead and seemingly dominated play with multiple other grade-A scoring chances. An unfortunate bounce and an own goal brought Father Ryan right back into the game a couple minutes later. As the second half neared a close, Father Ryan struck on a second goal to take the lead, 2-1. The Big Red came out fighting and a drawn penalty kick from Ellis Moore gave Henry Hylbert the chance to score and tie the game 2-2.

The late heroics, however, came from a slightly unlikely source. Coach Cheevers put defender Collin Ragsdale in at striker for the last ten minutes for the first time ever in his career. With four minutes on the clock, Ragsdale deflected a pass from Ryan's center-back, outran both opposing defenders, and beat the goalie one-on-one with a smooth shot to the bottom right corner of the goal to put the Big Red up 3-2 and seal the game. Collin Ragsdale, who had only 5 goals during the regular season, was the team's "Mr. Clutch" that day.

After this thrilling win, the team moved on to face rivals McCallie for the State Championship. Ten minutes into the game, Luke Bernatavitz pressed the Blue Tornado left back into a mistake and proceeded to chip the keeper from twenty yards out to give the Big Red a 1-0 lead. A minute later, however, McCallie scored off of a corner kick to tie the game back



up. In the second half, McCallie stuck in two more goals to take a 3-1 lead with over twenty minutes left. The Big Red kept on fighting until the end though. Ellis Moore chipped over the keeper with a minute and a half left to bring the game back to 3-2. Though the team never gave up, it was just not meant to be, and the Big Red finished runner up in the state.

The team ended with an 18-1-1 record this year. Though they were not state champions, the season was not determined off one loss. The team was a tightly knit group of players and coaches alike from

Ellis Moore to coaches "Uncle Jeff" and "Cousin Carlos." As Coach Cheevers said to the players after the game, "It's only a game of ball, fellas. No one died here today. Life moves on. You all will go on to great things in your life."

At the end of the day, what's important about this soccer season is the team and the teammates. It's the memories that go unseen of the practices and the yoga sessions that are truly important, and not the win loss record. The state final will fade, but the memories will last a lifetime.



**GOAL:** Collin Ragsdale ('17) finds the back of the net to win the semifinals over Father Ryan.

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# Big Red Baseball Gets Robbed: Comeback Season Ends on a Disappointing Note

By Ben Coulthard  
Editor-in-Chief

The Big Red baseball team finished their season on a sour note, losing 5-4 to McCallie in a decisive playoff series game three on a controversial call. Led by nine seniors, season highlights included two walk-off wins against Baylor, one coming in 17 innings, a complete game masterpiece from senior Drew Davis, MBA's Pitcher of the Year, against top ranked Pope John Paul II and their ace pitcher, and extra inning victories over rivals Brentwood Academy and McCallie. What the team's final record was unable to show was the camaraderie and teamwork among the players. This year will be remembered as one where, regardless the situation, the Big Red never quit, even when the odds were against them.

When asked to describe the season, senior Jake Evans said, "[We] had an up and down year full of highs and lows,

but found a way to surprise many people along the way.

In the final stretch of the season, MBA had key victories against the likes of Overton, Father Ryan, and JPPII. Entering the postseason as the #7 seed in the East/Middle region, the Big Red had to travel down to Chattanooga to face off against the McCallie Blue Tornado. The game was a back-and-forth contest with the Big Red scoring first on a single from junior Ty Allen. However, McCallie answered with one run the following inning and three the inning after that, carrying a 4-1 lead into the sixth. MBA showed their resilience in the situation, scoring three more to tie the game late. The scoring subsided until the top of the tenth inning when Jake Evans, named the team's Offensive MVP, hit a triple down the left field line scoring junior Brady Slinger for a 5-4 victory in ten innings. Even with players having to study for exams to be taken the next day on the return back to



**SPRING BREAK:** MBA Baseball team following their Spring Break victory over University (FL).

Nashville, the bus ride was made that much sweeter returning with a victory.

The Big Red went back down two days later needing just one victory to win the series and advance to the State Quarterfinals. Game one of the day resulted in a McCallie win, meaning there would be a winner-take-all game three. The Big Red jumped out early, scoring four runs in the first two innings and maintaining a 4-0 lead until the Blue Tornado scored five runs over the next two innings to take a 5-4 lead. In the top of the 7th inning, the Big Red were down to its final outs, but loaded the bases with one out. A deep fly ball to centerfield seemed to assure multiple runs and a possible lead for the Big Red,

until McCallie's centerfielder caught the ball deep into the outfield. Sophomore Brenden Harris tagged up to score what seemed to be the game-tying run until the first base umpire called him out, claiming Harris left the base early, thus ending the game as well as the Big Red's season.

Even with the disappointing ending to the 2017 season, Coach Anderson had optimism looking ahead to next year. "The 2018 team will be poised and ready to compete with seven returning seniors," he said.

Jake Evans added, "We fell short in a way that didn't sit well with us, which will motivate the returning players in the year to come."



**SENIORS:** Seniors and parents of senior players celebrate Senior Day prior to their game against Pope John Paul II.

## Congratulations to the MBA Track Program for finishing 4th Place at the State Track Meet





# Freshmen Don't Turn in Class News



## Sophomores Continue to Quit on Team 119

By Sam Dugan  
Staff Sophomore

The sophomores have reached the end of the 2016-17 school year on The Hill, and they can proudly say it was one to remember. There were plenty of downs to this year but also a myriad of highlights that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

The camaraderie that took place at the 408 in support of **DJ Drawgz** was uncanny. Also, the 2019 class's newfound love for hockey created a new sense of togetherness through the support of the Wallace School and the new underground street-hockey league in the garage.

This development continued beyond MBA with our grade's tremendous support of the Nashville Predators. The Predators' NHL playoff run has led classmate **William Davis** to stop with his usual cringe-worthy Snapchat stories with his partner in crime, **Harrison "BFG" Taylor**. Instead, his snapchat stories have consisted of Preds-themed phrases like "In 6." Go Preds.

The class ended up losing two soldiers, one of whom was the beloved **Bryan Taylor**, commonly referred to as "BT" or "Dat Boi B". Throughout his time on The Hill, BT has made an impact on and off the field. He started on both the 8th and 9th grade football teams. **Jackson "Veggie" Lampley** made a statement about BT's

impact: "I can only hope to ever be as good and talented of an O-lineman as BT. Bryan, you will be missed. Thank you for everything you taught me about the game." Thank you to Lampley for those words. If one has not heard yet, he has 7 offers. GBO, Hotty Toddy, Anchor Down.

One important development for the end of the year has been the movement of sophomores quitting the varsity football team. It all started with **Charlie Buffkin**. One day, while sitting on the porch at his ranch in Alabama (Roll Tide), Charlie thought to himself, "Golly Moses."

The decision was made. Charlie abruptly left the sport to pursue a career in horseback riding. One-star safety **Nick "No Hands" German**, made a statement on the development: "I don't understand his mindset. He had a bright future."

Even worse might be **Garrett Murphy** quitting to "better his beats." Good luck with that Murph!

This is a large blow to the class, but they will recover through the leadership of 4-star RB, **Mitarius Boyd**.

As exams finally approach, the sophomore class struggles to dig themselves out of the holes they created throughout the second semester. **Jackson "Huge Head" Lyell** plans to boycott the exams. Impressively, some sophomores, like **Sam "Politically Correct" Funk** and **William "Fish" Bradford**, have started their senior



**HOCO:** Looks like Crider found himself a nice looking homecoming date.

slides during their sophomore year.

The lack of effort during the last semester haunts many as all of the mental lapses during this semester are finally catching up to them. Put your rally caps on because we are in it for the long haul. Well, maybe not all of us.

Spring sports were a bit disappointing for the 2019 class this year. Even with **Cole Turner** on the team, the lacrosse team took an L near the magnitude only ever received by **William Davis** himself. The only "competition" that seemed to be taking place was the battle between the parents to see who could yell at the referees the

loudest.

The team lost the battle 16-7. The soccer team is looking stellar as always. Team captain and leading scorer, **Ethan Way**, hopes to lead the team to the state championship once again. Will this be the year that the streak of second place will finally be broken? (NOPE) Eighth-grader **Luke Bernatavitz** sure hopes so.

Sophomores, as this year ends, let's not give up. In the words of the beloved Coach Klausner, "MBA is on a Hill. If that doesn't get you hyped up, I don't know what will."



# Juniors Take on the Role of “Big Men on Campus”

By Thomas Carr and Jack Crawford  
*Old Natchez Members*

The final week of school is upon us brothers of the class of 2018. With the school work winding down, and exams rapidly approaching, the class has had to find ways of passing the time. A great finding, provided by the legendary Coach Deutsch, has been hockey in the garage. Although demerits have been threatened for showing up late to class, the troopers of the junior class have weathered the storm and found some hidden talent. With the Predators making an enormous playoff push, the students have become automatic fans, and have found a passion for this game of stick and puck. James McKnight's cherry picking net front presence is slightly below the caliber of the great Viktor H. Arvidsson. Oliver Briggs on the wing has the slapshot comparable to Alex Ovechkin, and is seeking to make his first Eastern Conference All Star team this coming season.

Another great way of passing some study halls is Bloons TD 5. The revival of this long lost game has proven successful

as many members of the junior class have surpassed personal bests.

A lot of people are looking forward to summer, but none more than Simon Webber. His arms are in prime shape for a sleeveless couple of months. When asking him what his go-to summer outfit is, he responded: “Hmm..I’ll probably go with the casual flip-flops, long shorts (that can be used for swimming or chilling), a tie dye tank top, and a pair of ripoff Ray Banz.” We then mixed it up a little and asked what the ideal clothing choice entailed for a night on 12 South with a couple of ladies. Simon was quick to answer with “definitely some pastel shorts and a vineyard vines shirt. And sperrys without socks are a must.” Great calls all around.

Another summertime story is Cal Bryan's golf game. This summer his game is on the rise, as he has even found himself practicing (for the first time ever) on the range in preparation for the AP Latin exam. He has found his secret key to success not to be in the swing itself, but in his mental preparation, which includes serious hydration leading up to and during the round on hot summer days.

Another huge development on

campus has been the creation of “stick day”. Carter McClellan, Zach Smith, Isaac Sedek, Rhys Rutherford and others have headed the movement of purchasing Martin's famous mozzarella sticks to enjoy during the festivities of Doctor Bruce Onstott's 8th period class. This gourmet cuisine has added to the intense grind that this scholarly English class brings to the academic sphere.

Lastly, as the summer looms, so do foreign exchanges. With a good amount  
**POWEDERPUFF:** *Where's Rob?*

of juniors travelling overseas this summer, the class of 2018 will be representing MBA in a variety of countries. A few popular activities will be kangaroo hunting by Rob Harvey and Jack Crawford, skiing and bungee jumping by Blake Robison and Thomas Carr, and studying hard at Winchester with Jackson Abbey and Fenner Pollock. We hope that everyone has a great summer, and we will see you all next year for our senior year



## “Seniors Win”



**ABOVE:** *Senior football players look nice in pink.*

**LEFT:** *Drew Powell ('17) shows off his hops*

**RIGHT:** *Who knew MBA had male cheerleaders?*





# Senior Superlatives

Frist Allen- Most likely to get wifed up  
Hayes Alley- Most likely to pee his pants  
Jack Anderson- Most likely to make you uncomfortable at parties  
Patrick Andreen- most likely to give a teacher a kiss  
Bryce Ardisson- Most likely to be Steve Tobin  
Call Bainbridge- Most likely to be the next Hayne Hamilton  
Micah Battle- Least likely to be confused for Micah White  
Jack Benson- Most likely to yell at random times  
Luke Byrge- Most mentally unstable  
Magnus Campos- Least likely to be tread on  
Jack Carey- Most likely to climb a water tower  
Q. Carlson- Most likely to transfer colleges  
Logan Cashwell- Most likely to marry Becca Link  
Ty Chandler- Most likely to play in the NFL  
Dean Cheevers- Most likely to join the IRA  
Josh Cheng- Most thick  
John Cooper- Most likely to use words you don't understand  
Asher Curnutte- Most likely to replace you as favorite child  
Thomas Daniels- Biggest tromboner  
Drew Davis- Most likely to inhale 20 nugs  
Max Davis- Most likely to have a suspiciously low handicap  
Hudson Dobbs- Least likely to run the founder's day race  
Matthew Dobson- Mostly likely to have a son named Matthew Dobson VII  
Reilly Dodd- Most likely to see nuclear war in the sunset  
Andrew Duffey- Most likely to have an extra chromosome  
Palmer Einstman- Best Nike Elite sock game  
Gabriel Elkin- most likely to be confused for his brother  
Michael Elkin- most likely to be confused for his brother  
Jake Evans- Best at getting second place  
Alden Ferguson- Most likely to have a high voice for the rest of his life  
John Fioravanti- Most likely to be found in the weight room on spring break  
Andrew Freeland- Grubbiest  
Hamilton Garber- Most likely just to know random stuff  
Sam Garrett- most likely to have cancer  
Ben Gauldin- Most likely to be naked  
Brandon Glaser- Most likely to be featured in Goonies 2  
John Michael Glover- Most likely to have everything else in life be easy  
John Glover- Grungiest, angstiest  
Will Gray- William Hall  
Aubrey Greene- Most likely to talk about food  
Jed Griffin- Most likely to defend Queenstown  
Will Hansen- Most likely to sleep in class  
George Harwell - Most likely to win Wimbledon  
Dylan Hasleton- Most likely to become a dessert chef  
Jack Hayles- Most likely to cheat  
Jacob Herndon- Shortest hair  
Will Hoffman- Most likely to outkick his coverage  
Brad Hornsby- Most likely to develop an inferiority complex  
Jack Hornsby- Slightly better than Brad  
Tony Huang- Most likely to play Clash of Clans for the rest of his life  
Andrew Hudson- Most Midwestern  
Laws Hunter- Most likely to be fraternity president  
Liam Jameson- Most likely to host The Daily Show  
Turner Johnson- Best Boy  
Andrew Kaplan- Most humble  
Boaz Kelner- Most likely to kill terrorists  
Josh Key- Most likely to make you homemade soup  
Jarrett Knight- Sixth man of the year  
Ryan Kosson- Most likely to commit war crimes  
Jacob Kovick- Most likely to be the next Mr. Hockey  
Warner Lamar- Least likely to graduate

Mac Lassing- Most likely to have a hot wife  
Michael Lee- Most likely to awkwardly touch you  
Mark Lillard- Most likely to be that dude from Family Guy with the sweater  
Holland Lund- Most likely to own a car and not a house  
J.P. Mappes- Most likely to set Olympic squat record  
Jackson Maradik- Most likely to throw a pick  
Drew Martin- Most likely to be the DD  
Perry Matthews- Most likely to wear a singlet  
Duncan McGinn- Most likely sommelier  
Joe McMahan- Most hospitable  
Gabe Mendoza- MVP of the Shotgun Team  
Luke Montana- Most likely to live in Montana  
Ellis Moore- Most likely to have your luckies  
John Morphett- Most likely to break a leg  
Sam Morris- Most likely to date Karin Scott  
Joe Moxley- Hottest mixtape  
Connor Mulloy- Most broken jaw  
Thomas Neff- Least bad  
Tony Neuhoff- Jar enthusiast  
Tanner Noonan- Most  
Dylan O'Donnell- Best child of a quarterback  
Bo Osgood- Most likely to play every sport without knowing any of the rules  
Christopher Owen- Most likely to be born again  
Jackson Owen- Most on the edge  
Montgomery Owen- Hottest  
Edward Owenby- Most likely to retire by 35  
Christian Palm- Most likely to bring you the good word  
Dan Parks- Most likely to be injured  
Wyeth Patton- Most likely to Snapchat your girlfriend  
Tom Peters- Most likely to succeed  
Will Peters- Second most likely to succeed  
Jack Pickel- Most likely not to be fraternity president  
William Porter- Most likely to win a game of Gwent  
Drew Powell- Most loyal sidekick  
Collin Ragsdale- Most likely to marry his high school sweetheart  
Nick Ray- Biggest Beast  
Jack Reineke- Best Grumbler  
Zach Richardson- Most likely to put his EDM music on Soundcloud  
Cal Rieke- Most likely to play Augusta National  
Luke Rochford- Most likely to be a robot  
Robert Rolfsen- Most likely to read Peter Taylor's book  
Ben Rosenthal- Best son  
Nick Sartain- Most likely to prevent war crimes  
Jackson Satz- Most likely to have a long distance girlfriend  
Addison Smith- Most likely to get into UVA  
Mack Smithing- Most likely to have ants in his head  
Brett Starr- Most likely to quit football  
Riley Steanson- Most fertile  
Austin Streaty- Loafiest  
Peter Taylor- Most likely to teach at Harpeth Hall  
Brian Thomas- Least loafy  
Cole Thornton- Most likely to be bromantically involved with Alden Ferguson  
Owen Underwood- Most likely to dust your crops  
Haden Wachtler- Most likely to forget his name  
Cameron Wade- Most likely to get in trouble with his mom  
Joe Waller- Most likely to date a new girl every couple months  
Noah Wamble- Most likely to voice Mufasa  
John Whitaker- Most likely to have a fungal infestation  
Micah White- Most photogenic  
Richard White- Most likely to move back to Belle Meade Boulevard  
Alvin Zhang- Most likely to be called Vincent  
Vincent Zhang- Sweetest